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SUBJECT: EC NINE DEMARCHE ON ILO

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SUMMARY: BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ON BEHALF OF EC NINE
WILL MAKE DEMARCHE TODAY TO SECRETARY VANCE, URGING
U.S. TO STAY IN ILO AND ASKING FOR CONSULTATIONS IN
GENEVA. TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS OF EC NINE ARE
EXPECTED TO MAKE DIRECT APPEALS TO AFL-CIO. END SUMMARY
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1. THE BELGIANS TOLD US THEIR AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE
A DEMARCHE TO SECRETARY VANCE TODAY, URGING U.S. TO STAY
IN ILO. THE EXACT CONTENT OF THE DEMARCHE IS UNCLEAR
BECAUSE THE NINE DID NOT AGREE ON CERTAIN POINTS
IN WORKING PAPER DRAFTED BY BELGIANS (DENMARK, NETHERLANDS
AND IRELAND WERE LEERY OF "COMMITMENTS WHICH COULD NOT

BE MET AND OF OVERLY "PRO-U.S. POSITION"). HOWEVER, MAIN POINTS OF DEMARCHE ARE LIKELY TO BE: (1) WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. COULD LEAD TO IMBALANCE IN ILO, GIVING ADVANTAGE TO USSR AND POSSIBLY LEADING TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE ORGANIZATION; (2) U.S. WITHDRAWAL WILL HARM NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR ALL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; (3) CONTINUED COOPERATION OF IMEC (INDUSTRIALIZED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES), INCLUDING U.S., IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE VIABILITY OF ILO; AND (4) FOR ILO TO REMAIN VIABLE, PRINCIPLES OF TRIPARTISM, DUE PROCESS AND NON-SELECTIVITY IN HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE MAINTAINED; BUT CONFRONTATION MUST BE AVOIDED AND ASPIRATIONS OF THIRD WORLD MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

2. BELGIAN MISOFF SAID REFERENCE TO ASPIRATIONS OF THIRD WORLD (PARA TWO ABOVE) REFLECTED WELL KNOWN FEELINGS OF UK, ITALY AND BELGIUM THAT SOME CONCESSIONS ON STRUCTURAL CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE TO G-77. HE ALSO SAID BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN MEETING WITH VANCE WOULD EXPAND ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENT: WE TOLD BELGIANS LAST WEEK THAT HOROWITZ HOPED TO CONSULT WITH IMEC IN GENEVA (PARA TWO REF C); THEY TOLD US THE NINE WOULD WELCOME IMEC CONSULTATION

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4. IN CONSULTATIONS WITH IMEC AND/OR EC NINE, IT SEEMS TO US THAT KEY POINT IS NOT AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES (WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE) BUT AGREEMENT ON HOW TO DEFEND THOSE PRINCIPLES (SEE REF C). WHETHER U.S. STAYS IN OR LEAVES ILO, IMEC HAS TO BE MORE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE IN DEFENDING FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OR ILO. END COMMENT
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